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RAGE AND CONSEQUENCES THEREOF

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 9, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to an April 9, 2002, Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. Therefore, a response to the April 9, 2002 Office Action is due July 9, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 1-26, 34-40, 42, 43, 45 and 47-54 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in later-filed application. Please also amend claim 55 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as follows. A marked up version of amended claim 4 wherein the